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SUBJ: INFO ON SPINEY LOBSTER

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1. APPRECIATE NMFS EFFORTS TO GATHER INFO ON HABITS OF SPINEY LOBSTER AND US-BASED FISHERMEN IN BAHAMIAN AREA.

2. CONCERNING GCOB ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY, MARINE POLICE ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY EXPECTED TO REMAIN AT NO MORE THAN PRESENT LEVELS. MARINE POLICE CURRENTLY HAVE FOUR 62-FOOT THORNEY-CRAFTS AND ONE SMALL BERTRAM PATROL CRAFT, AND AT LEAST ONE OF THORNEY-CRAFTS USUALLY OUT OF COMMISSION FOR REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE. NO INCREASE IN CREW MANPOWER FORESEEN IN NEAR FUTURE. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT LIKELY THAT POLICE WILL MAKE INITIAL PATROL OF AREAS COVERED BY BAHAMIAN CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES LEGISLATION SOON AFTER SAME TAKES EFFECT AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DESIGNATES SPINEY LOBSTER

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CREATURE OF SHELF (PROBABLY EARLY OCTOBER). INITIAL PATROL

LIKELY TO BE WELL-PUBLICIZED AND MAINLY FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL
REASONS. FOLLOWING SUCH EFFORTS, MARINE POLICE ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME PERIODIC RATHER HAPHAZARD LEVELS
CURRENTLY PRACTICES, PROBABLY LEADING SOME POACHERS TO CON-
CLUDE AS THEY DO AT PRESENT THAT RISK OF APPREHENSION IS
WORTH THE GAMBLE.
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